

House Resolution No. 751

Whereas, it is with genuine sadness that the members of the Missouri House of Representatives pause to reflect on the death of one of the Show-Me State's most illustrious citizens, John Henry (Jack) Brooks of Berkeley; and

Whereas, Jack Brooks was born on March 2, 1936, in Sainte Genevieve, Missouri, into the loving family of William and Johanna Brooks; and

Whereas, Jack Brooks graduated from the same one-room Lincoln Elementary School in Sainte Genevieve that his father, mother, and two older brothers had attended; and

Whereas, Jack Brooks was a student at Douglas High School in Festus until the Brown versus the Board of Education court decision which led to the desegregation of Sainte Genevieve High School and his subsequent graduation from his hometown school district; and

Whereas, on August 15, 1964, Jack Brooks married his beloved Helen L. Pearson who proved to be a suitable helpmate and traveler as they visited far-flung locales all across the United States and the entire world, including China and Rome; and

Whereas, after military service with the United States Air Force, Jack Brooks worked for thirty-eight years at McDonnell Douglas (Boeing) where he was universally admired for a commitment to his family that also grew to include neighbors and friends; and

Whereas, one of three "Brooks Brothers from Mudtown," Jack Brooks died on February 10, 2004, after nearly sixty-eight very full, productive years:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, to memorialize the life and accomplishments of John H. Brooks and to convey this legislative body's most heartfelt condolences to his family members, friends, and colleagues who now miss the presence of his considerable warmth and light in their daily lives; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution in memory of John Henry (Jack) Brooks of Berkeley, Missouri.

Offered by _____
Representative Theodore Hoskins
District No. 80

I, Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, Second Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 751, adopted February 25, 2004.

Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker